

CRITERIA FOR PRIOR AUTHORIZATION**Atopic Dermatitis Agents**

BILLING CODE TYPE For drug coverage and provider type information, see the [KMAP Reference Codes webpage](#).

MANUAL GUIDELINES Prior authorization will be required for all current and future dose forms available. All medication-specific criteria, including drug-specific indication, age, and dose for each agent is defined in table 1 below.

Dupilumab (Dupixent®)

GENERAL CRITERIA FOR INITIAL PRIOR AUTHORIZATION: (must meet all of the following)

- Must be approved for the indication, age, and not exceed dosing limits listed in Table 1.
- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist or immunologist.^{2,3}
- Patient must have had an adequate trial (at least 21 days) of or contraindication to all of the following: a topical calcineurin inhibitor and a phosphodiesterase-4 inhibitor.²
- Patient must have had an adequate trial (at least 8 weeks) of or contraindication to a systemic conventional agent listed in Table 2.⁴
- For all agents listed, the preferred PDL drug, which treats the PA indication, is required unless the patient meets the non-preferred PDL PA criteria.
- Prescriber must provide the baseline of the following criteria:^{2,5,6}
 - Eczema Area and Severity Index (EASI) score of ≥ 16 .⁶
- For all requested biologics or janus kinase (JAK) inhibitors, patient must not concurrently be on another biologic or JAK inhibitor listed in Table 3. After discontinuing the current biologic or JAK inhibitor, the soonest that a new biologic or JAK inhibitor will be authorized is at the next scheduled dose.

Table 1. FDA-approved age and dosing limits for Atopic Dermatitis (AD).⁶

Medication	Indication(s)	Age	Dosing Limits
Interleukin-4 Receptor Antagonists			
Dupilumab (Dupixent®)	AD	≥ 12 years	Adults: 600 mg (given as two 300 mg injections) initially SC followed by 300mg every other week Ages 12 to 17 years: < 60 kg: 400 mg (given as two 200 mg injections) initially SC followed by 200mg every other week ≥ 60 kg: 600 mg (given as two 300 mg injections) initially SC followed by 300mg every other week

SC: subcutaneous

LENGTH OF APPROVAL (INITIAL AND RENEWAL): 12 months

CRITERIA FOR RENEWAL PRIOR AUTHORIZATION: (must meet all of the following)

- Patient has documented response compared to baseline in at least one of the following measurements:⁵
 - EASI improvement $\geq 75\%$ compared to baseline.⁶
- Must not exceed dosing limits listed in Table 1.
- For all requested biologics or janus kinase (JAK) inhibitors, patient must not concurrently be on another biologic or JAK inhibitor listed in Table 3. After discontinuing the current biologic or JAK inhibitor, the soonest that a new biologic or JAK inhibitor will be authorized is at the next scheduled dose.

FOR DRUGS THAT HAVE A CURRENT PA REQUIREMENT, BUT NOT FOR THE NEWLY APPROVED INDICATIONS, FOR OTHER FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS, AND FOR CHANGES TO AGE REQUIREMENTS NOT LISTED WITHIN THE PA CRITERIA:

- **THE PA REQUEST WILL BE REVIEWED BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING PACKAGE INSERT INFORMATION: INDICATION, AGE, DOSE, AND ANY PRE-REQUISITE TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THAT INDICATION.**

LENGTH OF APPROVAL (INITIAL AND RENEWAL): 12 MONTHS

Table 2. List of conventional therapy in the treatment of atopic dermatitis^{1,7}

Topical		Systemic
Calcineurin Inhibitors	PDE-4 Inhibitors	Systemic Conventional Agents
Protopic® (tacrolimus 1% & 0.03%)	Eucrisa® (crisabole)	Gengraf®, Neoral® (cyclosporine)
Elidel® (pimecrolimus 1%)		Azasan®, Imuran® (azathioprine)
		Trexall®, Rheumatrex®, Otrexup®, Rasuvo® (methotrexate)
		CellCept®, Myfortic® (mycophenolate mofetil)

PDE-4: Phosphodiesterase-4 inhibitors

Table 3. List of biologic agents/janus kinase inhibitors (agents not to be used concurrently)

Biologic Agents/Janus Kinase Inhibitors		
Actemra® (tocilizumab)	Humira® (adalimumab)	Rituxan® (rituximab)
Amevive® (alefacept)	Hyrimoz™ (adalimumab-adaz)	Siliq® (brodalumab)
Amjevita™ (adalimumab-atto)	Ilaris® (canakinumab)	Simponi® (golimumab)
Cimzia® (certolizumab)	Ilumya™ (tildrakizumab-asmn)	Simponi Aria (golimumab)
Cinqair® (reslizumab)	Inflectra® (infliximab-dyyb)	Skyrizi™ (Risankizumab)
Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Ixifi™ (infliximab-qbtix)	Stelara® (ustekinumab)
Cyltezo™ (adalimumab-adbm)	Kevzara® (sarilumab)	Taltz® (ixekizumab)
Dupixent® (benralizumab)	Kineret® (anakinra)	Tremfya® (guselkumab)
Enbrel® (etanercept)	Nucala® (mepolizumab)	Tysabri® (natalizumab)
Entyvio® (vedolizumab)	Olumiant® (baricitinib)	Xeljanz® (tofacitinib)
Erelzi™ (etanercept-szsz)	Orencia® (abatacept)	Xeljanz XR® (tofacitinib)
Eticovo® (etanercept-ykro)	Remicade® (infliximab)	Xolair® (omalizumab)
Fasenra™ (benralizumab)	Renflexis® (infliximab-abda)	

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